

# House File 218 - Introduced

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BY FISHER

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act concerning county supervisor representation plans, and
- 2 including effective date provisions.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.206, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
2 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The plan used under subsection 1 shall be selected by  
4 the board or by a special election as provided in section  
5 331.207. A plan selected by the board shall remain in effect  
6 for at least six years and shall only be changed by a special  
7 election as provided in section 331.207. However, a county  
8 with a population of sixty thousand or more based on the most  
9 recent federal decennial census shall use plan "three" for the  
10 election of supervisors.

11 Sec. 2. Section 331.207, subsection 6, Code 2021, is amended  
12 by striking the subsection.

13 Sec. 3. TRANSITION PROVISION. Notwithstanding any  
14 provision of law to the contrary, a county with a population  
15 of sixty thousand or more based on the most recent federal  
16 decennial census that does not use plan "three" for the  
17 election of supervisors, as defined in section 331.206, as  
18 of the effective date of this Act shall not be required to  
19 elect supervisors using plan "three" until the election for  
20 supervisors following the adoption of a representation plan  
21 drawn pursuant to section 331.210A, subsection 2, paragraph  
22 "f", after the redistricting of congressional and legislative  
23 districts becomes law following the federal decennial census  
24 taken in the year 2020.

25 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
26 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

27 EXPLANATION

28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

30 This bill requires a county with a population of 60,000  
31 or more based on the most recent federal decennial census  
32 to use plan "three" for the election of county supervisors.  
33 Plan "three" requires individual members of the board of  
34 supervisors for that county to be elected from single-member  
35 equal-population districts. The bill provides that a county

1 with a population of 60,000 or more as of the effective date  
2 of the bill that does not use plan "three" for the election of  
3 supervisors shall not be required to elect supervisors under  
4 plan "three" until the election for supervisors after the  
5 adoption of a county supervisor representation plan following  
6 the federal decennial census taken in 2020.

7 The bill takes effect upon enactment.